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IRS Gives Storm Victims More Time to File and Pay; Taxpayers in Parts of 10 States Qualify

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WASHINGTON — Victims of storms and flooding in 10 states will have more time to make quarterly estimated tax payments normally due today, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

"Our hearts go out to the flood victims in the stricken states," IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said. "At a time like this, taxes should be the last thing on the minds of these unfortunate victims."

Over the weekend the IRS provided tax relief, including the postponement of various tax-filing and tax-payment deadlines, to disaster-area counties in Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin. Earlier this spring, the agency extended similar relief to storm victims in parts of Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri and Oklahoma.

As a result, self-employed individuals, retirees and others in these areas who make quarterly estimated tax payments will have more time to make the payment normally due today. Businesses will also have extra time to file various returns and pay any taxes due. Due dates vary, depending upon location, and details are available on the Tax Relief in Disaster Situations page on IRS.gov.

In addition, affected taxpayers in these areas who suffered uninsured or unreimbursed property damage can choose to claim these losses on their 2007 tax returns.

The IRS is monitoring and regularly updating all available relief. Complete details are available on IRS.gov.